

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/780,558

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed 02/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02/23/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 5/10/2004, 5/13/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Application 09/780,558 filed 02/09/2001 and amendment filed 02/23/2004.

2. Claims 1-22 pending in the Application.

3. Applicant's amendment has been fully considered. Examiner finds them persuasive.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Frederick Cooperrider (Registration No. 36,769) and Mr. David Hathaway on 05/10/2004.

To Claims

6. Change Claims as follows:

Claim 1 line 5 after "path" delete ";" insert --, said composite graph further comprising at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies;—

Claim 2 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert —comprising—

V/S **Claim 2** line ~~4~~³ after "graph" insert —and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies,—

Claim 3 line 1 after "network" delete "is composed of" insert --comprises--

Claim 3 line 5 after "signal" delete "," insert --;--

Claim 3 line 6 after "signal" delete "," insert --;--

Claim 9 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 9 line 14 after " $0 \leq i < K$ " delete "," insert --wherein a copy₀ of said composite timing graph comprises a copy of said original timing graph with zero defects;--

Claim 10 line 3 after "signal" delete "," insert --;--

Claim 10 line 4 after "signal" delete "," insert --;--

Claim 11 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 11 line 8 after "array" insert --, said static timing analysis including at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies--

Claim 12 line 1 after "network" delete "is composed of" insert --comprises--

Claim 13 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 13 line 5 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies--

Claim 14 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 14 line 5 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies--

Claim 15 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 15 line 5 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies—

Claim 16 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 16 line 5 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies—

Claim 17 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 17 line 7 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies—

Claim 18 line 3 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 18 line 4 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies—

Claim 19 line 2 after "network" delete "composed of" insert --comprising--

Claim 19 line 4 after "graph" insert --and at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of said copies to at least one node in another one of said copies—

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach generating a composite graph by making copies of an original graph as many as a predetermines maximum number of defects plus 1 and original graph represents the network with no defects, wherein the composite graph comprises at least one edge connecting at least one node in one of the copies to at least one node in another one of the copies as claimed.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

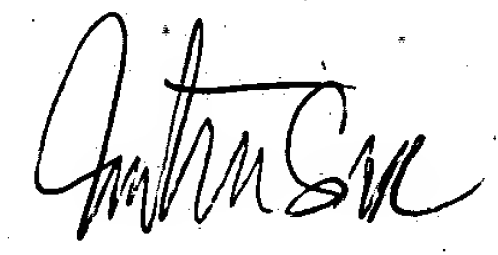
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helen B Rossoshek whose telephone number is 571-272-1905. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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